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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

ALLAN MARGITAN  
married and acting  
individually

Plaintiffs,

vs.

SPOKANE COUNTY, a  
municipal corporation

Defendan

ts.

COMPLAINT FOR DAMAGES

**JURY DEMAND** 2:22-CV-173-TOR

1. 42 U.S.C. SECTION 1983: Equal Protection- Fourteenth Amendment to United States Constitution; Article I, §3 of the Washington State Constitution "Class of one claim"
2. 42 U.S.C. SECTION 1983: Equal Protection- Fourteenth Amendment to United States Constitution; Article I, §3 of the Washington State Constitution "Class of one claim"
3. Right to due process of law; 42 U.S.C. § 1983 Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; Article I, § 3 of the Washington State Constitution
4. Right to due process of law; 42 U.S.C. § 1983 Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution; Article

I, § 3 of the Washington State  
Constitution

5. Unconstitutional taking; 42 U.S.C. §  
1983 Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments  
to the United States Constitution; “Class  
of one claim”

6. FIRST STATE CLAIM OF 28 U.S.C. §  
1367 - State Law Claim of FAILURE TO  
ENFORCE CODES AND  
WASHINGTON LAWS.

7. SECOND STATE CLAIM OF  
28 U.S.C. § 1367 - State Law Claim of  
NUISANCE 28 U.S.C. § 1367 - State Law  
Claim failure to enforce

### **JURY DEMAND**

Plaintiff ALLAN MARGITAN, married and acting individually, (hereafter  
“Margitan”), hereby demands a trial by jury pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil  
Procedure 38(b) on all issues so triable.

### **INTRODUCTION**

COME NOW Plaintiff, ALLAN MARGITAN, married and acting  
individually, Pro-Se complains against Spokane County as follows:

### **I. PARTIES**

1.1 Plaintiff ALLAN MARGITAN, married and acting individually, (hereafter  
“Margitan”), at all times mentioned in this complaint is a resident of  
Spokane County, Washington and owner (jointly with spouse) of Parcels 1  
and 3 of Short Plat 1227-00, Spokane County, Washington.

1.2 Defendant Spokane County is a municipal corporation with the capacity to  
sue and be sued operating in Spokane County, Washington under the color  
of law of the State of Washington. Employees, agents and representatives of  
Spokane County have engaged in the acts complained of herein, pursuant to  
the direction, policies, practices and customs of Spokane County.

## **II. JURISDICTION, VENUE**

2.1 This is an action for damages pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 based upon the  
continuing violations of Margitan’s rights under the Fifth and Fourteenth  
Amendments to the United States Constitution.

2.2 This Court has original jurisdiction pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1331 and 1343  
based on 42 U.S.C. §1983 and questions of federal constitutional law.

2.3 This Court has supplemental jurisdiction over Margitan’s state law claims  
pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367.

2.4 All parties are located in Spokane County, Washington and all events and  
conduct complained of herein occurred in the Eastern District of  
Washington, making venue proper in the Eastern District of Washington.

### **III. FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

3.1 On March 2002, Spokane County approved the final plat for Short Plat 1227-00, Spokane County, Washington (hereafter “Short Plat”) confirming that the requirements of Spokane County were satisfactorily complied with by the plat developer.

3.2 Spokane County required Short Plat 1227-00, in Spokane County, Washington to include the forty-foot easement with all Parcels being serviced with public water and private septic systems. See attached copy of the Short plat requirements by the Spokane County marked as Exhibit “A” and incorporated by reference.

3.3 The final plat for the Short Plat consisted of three (3) adjacent Parcels, Parcel 1, 2 and 3.

3.4 On the face of the Short Plat, a 40-foot dedicated easement for ingress, egress and utilities was identified for the Parcels in Short Plat 1227-00, as required by Spokane County. See attached copy of the approved Short Plat marked as Exhibit “A” and incorporated by reference.

3.5 On or about May 1, 2002, Margitan’s neighbors the (Hannas) purchased their property (Parcel 2 of the Short Plat) located at 14418 W. Charles Road in Nine Mile Falls, Washington and legally described as:

1 Parcel 2, Short Plat 1227-00 as per Plat recording in Volume 18 of  
2 Short Plats, Page 3, records of Spokane County; situated in the  
3 County of Spokane, State of Washington.  
Tax Parcel No. 17274.9109.

4 3.6 The dedicated 40-foot easement of the Short Plat runs along the southern  
5 side of Parcel 2.

7 3.7 Margitan's neighbor, Hanna, lost his dad on March 2, 1980 when he was  
8 working as a Fireman Captain for Spokane County investigating an  
9 unsolved arson fire that is now the location of Spokane County Transit  
10 Authority.  
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13 3.8 Numerous times since 2002, Hanna stated that Spokane County would do  
14 anything for him and that no Spokane County Judge would rule against him  
15 since he had lived his life without a dad.  
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17 3.9 October 2003, Spokane County granted Hannas a certificate of occupancy  
18 for their home which included a ground source geothermal heating system.  
19 See attached copy of Spokane County Building Inspection Report marked  
20 as Exhibit "B" and incorporated by reference.  
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23 3.10 Spokane County has the exclusive authority and duty in Spokane County to  
24 regulate and approve residential heating systems in Spokane County,  
25 Washington.

1 3.11 Spokane County must comply with the International Mechanical Code  
2 which has been updated through the years but has always required all  
3 heating appliances to comply with the manufacture's installation  
4 instructions.  
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6 3.12 On February 1, 2010 Margitans' purchased their rental property (Parcel 3)  
7 located at 14404 W. Charles Road in Nine Mile Falls, Washington and  
8 legally described as:  
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11 Parcels 3, Short Plat 1227-00 as per Plat recording in Volume 18 of  
12 Short Plats, Page 3, records of Spokane County; situated in the County  
13 of Spokane, State of Washington. Tax Parcel No. 17274.9110.

14 3.13 The Margitan's only access for egress, ingress and utilities for Parcels 3 is  
15 through the deeded 40-foot easement running along the southern side of  
16 Hannas' Parcel 2.  
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18 3.14 Shortly after purchasing Parcels 3, Margitan began remodeling an existing  
19 home on the property to convert it to a high-end rental property.  
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21 3.15 On or about September 2, 2012, Hannas filed a complaint in Spokane  
22 County Superior Court against Margitan making multiple requests of the  
23 Court. One request was to have the Court reduce the width of the 40-foot  
24 easement to 20 feet as it runs along the southern side of Parcel 2. They  
25 asked the court to have Margitans remove their residence on Parcel 3. They  
asked the Court to grant them an easement through Margitan's property to

1 their newly purchased former-Wickholm-property which is adjacent to  
2 Hannas' Parcel 2.

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4 3.16 During the course of discovery litigation, the Margitans discovered Hannas'  
5 septic system drain field was located within the 40-foot easement where  
6 Margitan's utilities (electric, telephone and drinking water line [water  
7 supply line]) are located.  
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10 3.17 May 2013, Margitan's remodel was ready for a Certificate of Occupancy  
11 inspection (final inspection). Margitan informed Tim Utley of Spokane  
12 County that Hannas' septic system "as-built" revealed that the drain field on  
13 Hannas' property was installed within the same 40 foot easement that  
14 Margitan's drinking water line is placed. It was at this time that Tim Utley  
15 of Spokane County refused to perform a final inspection. See attached copy  
16 of the as-built drawing marked as Exhibit "C" and incorporated by  
17 reference.  
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21 3.18 Hannas' septic drain field being located within the 40-foot easement is a  
22 violation of Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-272A-0210,  
23 which mandates that a drain field be setback at a minimum of five (5) feet  
24 from any easement line.  
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1 3.19 July 2013, Margitan informed Spokane County and Spokane Regional  
2 Health District (SRHD), the enforcement agency of drain fields in Spokane  
3 County, about Hannas' drain field violation.  
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5 3.20 Between May 2013 and September 2014, Mr. Utley of Spokane County  
6 refused to provide Margitan with a final inspection for a Certificate of  
7 Occupancy claiming that Spokane County had no actual knowledge that the  
8 separation between Margitan's drinking water line and Hannas' drain field  
9 was at least the 10 feet separation required by Washington State law.  
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12 3.21 Mr. Utley explained to Margitan that renting the home would not be wise  
13 since there would be a risk of endangering human life.  
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15 3.22 On October 2013, without the knowledge of the Margitans, SRHD and  
16 Hannas entered into an agreement regarding the drain field within  
17 Margitan's easement. One provision of the agreement was that if it was  
18 discovered that the drain field imposed a health risk, Hannas would be  
19 required to remove the drain field immediately. Paragraph 2.1 of the  
20 agreement stated:  
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24 Within thirty (30) days of the conclusion of the litigation regarding  
25 the existence and location of the easements on the Subject Property,  
Hannas shall submit an Application to SRHD to relocate the septic  
system or otherwise bring the on-site sewage system into compliance  
with the rules and regulation existing at the time of application.

1 See attached copy of the SRHD/Hanna agreement marked as Exhibit "D"  
2 and incorporated by reference.  
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4 3.23 SRHD denied Hannas' only option to bring the on-site sewage system into  
5 compliance with the rules and regulations existing at the time of  
6 application. As per the SRHD/Hanna agreement, Hannas were now required  
7 to "relocate" the septic system from Margitan's easement.  
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10 3.24 Spokane County had full knowledge that SRHD had allowed Hannas to  
11 install their septic system within Margitan's easement. See attached  
12 excerpts of Mr. Utley's testimony during the state trial. Marked as Exhibit  
13 "E" and incorporated by reference.  
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16 3.25 After many requests by Margitan for a final inspection, on September 3,  
17 2014 Tim Utley of Spokane County finally agreed to provide a Certificate  
18 of Occupancy inspection for Margitan's rental home. Just as Mr. Utley had  
19 of Occupancy inspection for Margitan's rental home. Just as Mr. Utley had  
20 stated many times, he denied Margitan's Certificate of Occupancy due to  
21 Hannas' septic system drain field being within the same 40 foot utility  
22 easement as Margitan's drinking water line. Mr. Utley stated on the  
23 correction notice:  
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1) You have notified us of encroachment of a septic drain  
field into the restricted zone of your water supply line which  
you claim endangers your potable water supply. You have

1 also provided us corroboration of the issue through copies of  
2 SRHD documentation. A certificate of occupancy can be  
3 issued upon receipt of documentation. (SRHD and/or water  
4 purveyor accepting the waterline and its adequacy for  
residential use.

5 See attached copy of the denied occupancy inspection marked as Exhibit  
6 “F” and incorporated by reference.  
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8 3.26 After almost 3 years of litigation, on April 22, 2015 the first day of trial,  
9 Hannas withdraw their complaint against Margitans. The Court granted  
10 Hannas request to dismiss their complaint with prejudice but Margitans  
11 continued their counter claim against Hannas.  
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13 3.27 June 8, 2016, Tim Utley of Spokane County called Margitan on his private  
14 personal cell phone to inform him that he was sorry. Mr. Utley explained  
15 that he was called into to his boss’s office and he was instructed on what to  
16 say at his upcoming SRHD deposition. See Declaration of Margitan Dec. ¶  
17 “1” and incorporated by reference.  
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21 3.28 June 9, 2016 Utley testified at SRHD’s requested deposition. For the first  
22 time, Mr. Utley contradicted his September 3, 2014 written correction  
23 notice. He stated that he didn’t grant Margitan a Certificate of Occupancy  
24 because the water was not turned on.  
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3.29 In discovery on June 15, 2016, Mr. Hanna testified at an SRHD’s requested  
deposition that the Hanna’s drain field was 14 feet from Margitan’s

1 drinking water line. See attached copy of the Mr. Hannas' testimony  
2 marked as Exhibit "G" and incorporated by reference.

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4 3.30 Mr. Hanna testified that he placed flags to locate the perimeter the drain  
5 field. See attached photos marked as Exhibit "H" and incorporated by  
6 reference that displays the flags Mr. Hanna testified marked the perimeter  
7 of the drain field.  
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10 3.31 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 246-272A-0210 mandates that a  
11 drain field be a minimum of ten (10) feet from a potable water line.

12 3.32 August 8, 2016 Utley testified in the State jury trial. For the first time he  
13 disclosed that the Certificate of Occupancy denial he issued on September  
14 3, 2014 was in fact drafted by his boss prior to leaving the office and  
15 performing the inspection. Utley confirmed the denial failed to truly outline  
16 what Margitans were required to do in order to obtain a Certificate of  
17 Occupancy for their rental home. See attached copy of Mr. Utley's  
18 testimony during the State trial marked as Exhibit "I" and incorporated by  
19 reference.  
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24 3.33 Each party and all witnesses were instructed by the state trial court Judge  
25 not to assemble in the hallway between the elevator and the court room in  
order to avoid the jurors. In told disregard for the Judge's instructions, on  
August 8, 2016, Inspector Utley, Spokane County attorney Dan Catt, Hanna

1 and Hanna's counsel were in the exact location they had been instructed to  
2 avoid. See attached photos marked as Exhibit "J" and court transcript  
3 marked as Exhibit "J" incorporated by reference  
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5 3.34 After the Court's recess, counsel for Margitan informed the State Court  
6 Judge that Hannas and Spokane County employees were assembled in the  
7 exact location in which he had instructed them not to assemble. The State  
8 Court stated: "*When? When? Not Where; When?*" The State Court Judge  
9 did not want to hear anything about this. In fact, the Court sanctioned  
10 Margitan for bringing up the issue of where Spokane County employees  
11 and Hannas were assembled. Excerpts of court transcript marked as Exhibit  
12 "K" incorporated by reference  
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16 3.35 November 1, 2016, Spokane County Superior Court Judge James M. Triplet  
17 entered his ruling in case # 15-2-00545-1 on Margitan's Summary  
18 Judgment request. The Order allowed Margitan to install a replacement  
19 water line outside the current road bed but within the 40 foot easement.  
20 Order marked as Exhibit "L" and incorporated by reference.  
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24 3.36 Due to the Jury verdict on November 2, 2016, Hannas entered into Federal  
25 Bankruptcy protection. (16-03437-FPC11)

3.37 November 18, 2016, Spokane County Superior Court Judge James M.  
Triplet informed Margitans and Hannas that he would take no further action

1 on the two pending cases between Margitans and Hannas. See attached  
2 Judge James M. Triplet's letter marked as Exhibit "M" and incorporated by  
3 reference.  
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5 3.38 Over the years, Spokane County has had multiple communications with  
6 SRHD regarding how Spokane County could grant a Certificate of  
7 Occupancy for Margitan's rental home due to Hannas' drain field being in  
8 Margitan's easement.  
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11 3.39 Since mid 2013 Tim Utley of Spokane County was very adamant that  
12 Margitans should not rent their rental home because of knowledge of code  
13 violations. See Declaration of Margitan Dec. ¶ "2" and incorporated by  
14 reference.  
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17 3.40 On August 9, 2017, Bankruptcy Court approved Hannas' Chapter 11 plan.  
18 It restricted Margitans' use of their 40 foot easement to the current narrow  
19 road bed. See attached order marked as Exhibit "N" and incorporated by  
20 reference.  
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22 3.41 On August 24, 2017, Tim Utley of Spokane County informed Margitan that  
23 he could grant the certificate of occupancy based upon the fact that SRHD  
24 had informed Spokane County that Margitan's drinking water line is more  
25 than the required ten (10) feet from Hannas' drain field. See attached  
Declaration of Allan Margitan ¶ "3" and incorporated by reference.

1 3.42 During the certificate of occupancy inspection Margitan informed Tim  
2 Utley of Spokane County that Hannas had abandoned their drain field in  
3 their easement. Mr. Utley informed Margitan that it didn't matter to him  
4 since his only concern was that he was satisfied that Hannas' abandoned  
5 drain field was more than the 10 feet from Margitan's drinking water line.  
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7 Declaration of Allan Margitan ¶ "4" and incorporated by reference.  
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9 3.43 On August 24, 2017, Tim Utley of Spokane County intentionally and  
10 negligently failed to verify the actual separation distance between Hannas'  
11 drain field and Margitan's drinking waterline before he granted a Certificate  
12 of Occupancy permit for Margitan's high end rental home. See attached  
13 copy of Certificate of Occupancy permit marked as Exhibit "O" and  
14 incorporated by reference.  
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18 3.44 Over the years Tim Utley of Spokane County provided several declarations  
19 at Hannas' and SRHD's request to be used against Margitan. These  
20 declarations were intended to aid SRHD and Hanna in their litigation  
21 against Margitan.  
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23 3.45 On October 11, 2017, Margitans brought an action in Spokane Superior  
24 Court against Spokane County for interfering with Margitan's litigation  
25 claim against Hannas and SRHD and the misleading final inspection report.

1 3.46 During pretrial settlement negotiations with Spokane County, Margitan  
2 requested Spokane County have Tim Utley present a declaration to the  
3 Bankruptcy Court explaining the importance of establishing the actual  
4 separation between Hannas' abandoned drain field and Margitan's drinking  
5 water line. Margitan made it very clear to Spokane County that Mr.  
6 Hannas' statements of the actual separation distance had not been verified  
7 and that every Court had prohibited Margitan from verifying the actual  
8 separation distance, even Hannas' Bankruptcy plan prohibited Margitan  
9 from locating the actual separation distance. Spokane County refused  
10 Margitan's request for Tim Utley of Spokane County to prepare a  
11 declaration. See attached Declaration of Allan Margitan ¶ "5".  
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17 3.47 July 2018, Margitans and Spokane County agreed to settle the State dispute  
18 prior to trial. Spokane County was well aware that Margitans had been  
19 prohibited by the Courts and still were prohibited by Hanna's bankruptcy to  
20 establish the actual separation distance between the Hanna drain field and  
21 Margitan's drinking water line.  
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24 3.48 November 8, 2018, over strong objections of Hannas, the Bankruptcy Court  
25 granted Margitan permission to install additional utilities outside the  
narrow roadbed but within Margitan's 40 foot easement. See attached order  
marked as Exhibit "P" and incorporated by reference.

1 3.49 The Bankruptcy Court's Order was the first time any Court had granted  
2 Margitan's request to dig outside the narrow road bed.

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4 3.50 On May 16, 2019, while Margitan was excavating to install a replacement  
5 drinking water line and security line within the 40 foot easement, Margitan  
6 discovered that the Hanna drain field was not in the location in which Mr.  
7 Hanna testified. The actual separation distance was less than the 10 feet  
8 required by Washington State law. Mr. Hanna testified to the location of the  
9 drain field. He testified he marked it with flags. See Exhibit "H" photos  
10 taken by Mr. Hanna displaying the area he flagged and Exhibit "Q" photos  
11 of the May 16, 2019 excavation which disclosed the actual location of the  
12 Hannas' drain field incorporated by reference.  
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16 3.51 May 16, 2019, Margitan informed Tim Utley of Spokane County and  
17 Spokane County Building and Planning that the very reason in which Mr.  
18 Utley stated he could grant the Certificate of Occupancy was incorrect. See  
19 attached copy of letter to Mr. Utley and Spokane County marked as Exhibit  
20 "R" and incorporated by reference.  
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24 3.52 After a July 9, 2019 excavation, in an attempt to skirt around the Hanna's  
25 drain field, Margitan discovered that his drinking water line is only 3 ½ feet  
horizontally away and 46 inches deeper than Hannas' drain field. Margitan  
informed Spokane County that Margitan's drinking water line sits in damp

1 soil which smells like sewer. Margitan also reminded Mr. Utley of Spokane  
2 County that the Certificate of Occupancy was granted on an incorrect  
3 separation distance. See attached copy of letter to Mr. Utley and Spokane  
4 County marked as Exhibit "S" and incorporated by reference.  
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6 3.53 Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 51-50 requires Spokane County  
7 to comply with International Residential Code and the International  
8 Mechanical Code and portions of the International Building Code.  
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10 3.54 The International Residential Code **R101.3 "Intent"** states:  
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12 *The purpose of this code is to establish minimum requirements to*  
13 *safeguard the public safety, health and general welfare through*  
14 *affordability, structural strength, means of egress facilities, stability,*  
15 *sanitation, light and ventilation, energy conservation and safety to*  
16 *life and property from fire and other hazards attributed to the built*  
17 *environment, and to provide safety to fire fighters and emergency*  
*responders during emergency operations.*

18 3.55 The International Residential Code **R110.1 "Use and Occupancy"** states:  
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20 *A building or structure shall not be used or occupied, and a change*  
21 *of occupancy or change of use of a building or structure or portion*  
22 *thereof shall not be made, until the building official has issued a*  
23 *certificate of occupancy therefor as provided herein. Issuance of a*  
24 *certificate of occupancy shall not be construed as an approval of a*  
25 *violation of the provisions of this code or of other ordinances of the*  
*jurisdiction. Certificates presuming to give authority to violate or*  
*cancel the provisions of this code or other ordinances of the*  
*jurisdiction shall not be valid.*

3.56 The International Residential Code **R110.5 "Revocation"** states:

*The building official shall, in writing, suspend or revoke a certificate of occupancy issued under the provisions of this code wherever the certificate is issued in error, or on the basis of incorrect information supplied, or where it is determined that the building or structure or portion thereof is in violation of any ordinance or regulation or any of the provisions of this code.*

3.57 The International Plumbing Code that Spokane County must comply with states at **Section 603.2.1**:

*Water service near sources of pollution. Potable water service pipe shall not be located in, under or above cesspools, septic tanks, septic tank drainage fields or seepage pits. Where soil or ground water causes contaminated conditions for piping, analysis shall be required in accordance with Section 605.1.*

And **Section 605.1** states:

*The installation of a water service or water distribution pipe shall be prohibited in soil and ground water contaminated with solvents, fuels, **organic compounds** or other detrimental materials causing permeation, corrosion, degradation or structural failure of the piping material. Where detrimental conditions are suspected, a chemical analysis of the soil and ground water conditions shall be required to ascertain the acceptability of the water service or water distribution piping material for the specific installation. Where detrimental conditions exist, approved alternative materials or routing shall be required. (emphasis added)*

3.58 Tim Utley of Spokane County for many years had told Margitan that his job required investigating **all** reported code and law violations in his inspection area of Spokane County. See attached Declaration of Allan Margitan ¶ “6”.

1 3.59 Spokane County treated Margitan's differently than others in Spokane  
2 County by failing to even investigate Margitan's reported violations.  
3 Spokane County's actions were irrational and vindictive towards Margitan  
4 by intentionally ignoring the code violations to aid SRHD and Hannas.  
5 Spokane County's treated Margitan different than others in Spokane  
6 County. Spokane County's intentional actions of differential treatment  
7 towards Margitan failed to provide equal protection to Margitan as Spokane  
8 County provides to others.  
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12 3.60 August 7, 2019, John Pederson of Spokane Building and Planning  
13 responded to Margitan's letters. Mr. Pederson stated that when a building  
14 permit was issued evidence was provided of potable water when they issued  
15 a building permit per RCW 19.27.097. Marked as Exhibit "T" and  
16 incorporated by reference.  
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19 3.60 September 20, 2019 the Margitans brought an action against Spokane  
20 Regional Health District in the Eastern District of Washington.  
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22 3.61 Late October 2019 Margitan was served by Hannas in a state claim for the  
23 July 9, 2019 excavation claiming Margitan damaged Hannas' non-locatable  
24 geothermal pipes installed within Margitan's easement. Hannas testified  
25 that they didn't have any knowledge that their geothermal pipes were  
installed Margitan's easement until Margitan unearthed it. In the Hannas'

1 2019 litigation, Hannas informed Margitan that Spokane County had  
2 approved Hannas' geothermal system which was just discovered in  
3 Margitan's easement.  
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5 3.62 September 4, 2019, Spokane County sent Margitan a letter stating that  
6 Spokane County has no jurisdiction between the water meter at Charles  
7 Road and the Margitan's rental. See attached letter marked as Exhibit "U"  
8 and incorporated by reference.  
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11 3.63 November 12, 2019 Margitan informed John Peterson of Spokane County  
12 that Spokane County had negligently approved Hannas' ground source  
13 geothermal pipes only 2 feet from Margitan's drinking water line. Spokane  
14 County never responded to Margitan's November 12, 2019 letter. See  
15 attached Margitan letter marked as Exhibit "V" and incorporated by  
16 reference.  
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19 3.64 Again, Spokane County treated Margitan different than others in Spokane  
20 County by not even investigating Margitan's safety complaints. Margitan's  
21 reported violations were the exact type of violations that Tim Utley of  
22 Spokane County had told Margitan for years that would prevent him from  
23 providing a Certificate of Occupancy. In fact Spokane County never  
24 responded to Margitan's November 2019 complaint. See attached  
25 Declaration of Allan Margitan ¶ "7".

1 3.65 Spokane County must also comply with the “International Mechanical  
2 Code” INSTALLATION chapter:

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4 304.1 General. Equipment and appliances shall be installed as  
5 required by the terms of their approval, in accordance with the  
6 conditions of the listing, the manufacturer’s installation  
7 instructions and this code. Manufacturer’s installation instructions  
8 shall be available on the job site at the time of inspection.

9 3.66 WaterFurnace, Hannas’ geothermal heating manufacturer, requires that  
10 geothermal horizontal pipe loops be installed at least 5 feet or more from  
11 other utilities but recommends 10 feet in areas like Spokane. See the  
12 declaration of Carl F. Huber, Professional Engineer, Vice President  
13 Corporate Quality & Sustainability, WaterFurnace, paragraph 6.  
14 WaterFurnace’s publication, WF395, outlines the requirements that  
15 Spokane County is required to enforce in order to comply with the codes.  
16 See declaration of Huber, which also has an Exhibit “A” incorporated by  
17 reference.  
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21 Mr. Huber stated at paragraph 8 of his declaration regarding his December  
22 14 and 15, 2021 inspection of the geothermal pipes that Spokane County  
23 allowed Hannas’ to install in Margitan’s easement:  
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25 **Based upon my onsite inspection I determined:**

a) That multiple geothermal pipes where intentionally installed in the easement. Before geothermal pipes are installed a layout must be designed and calculated to insure that the area for the geothermal pipe loops will be sufficient for the specific system it

1 supports. The size of the geothermal unit in this home required  
2 multiple geothermal loops of pipe to be installed. The unit in this  
3 home required the use of all the area to the west of the home  
4 including a large portion of the easement.

5 b) The geothermal pipes were not installed to Accordance to  
6 WaterFurnace installation manuals. WaterFurnace requires  
7 geothermal pipes to be installed atleast 5 feet from utilities  
8 including septic systems, water lines, telephone lines, foundations  
9 and easements, but in the northern areas like Spokane  
10 WaterFurnace recommends 10 feet of seperation between  
11 geothermal pipes and water lines.

12 c) I found the geothermal pipes as close as 2 ½ feet from the water  
13 line and phone line that serve parcel 3 of the plat. The 2 ½ foot  
14 seperation is unacceptable for the safety of the water line.

15 d) Given that the geothermal pipes were installed too close to the  
16 present water line. The geothermal pipes have damaged or will  
17 damage the water line by freezing the water within it. Once the  
18 water line freezes no water will flow to parcel 3 until the water  
19 pipe thaws.

20 See declaration of Huber, incorporated by reference

21 3.67 Randy Hastings the President of R&R was the installer of Hannas'  
22 geothermal pipes in Margitan's easement. Mr. Hastings agrees with Mr.  
23 Huber that the recommendation of 5 seperation is for "Safety". Mr.  
24 Hastings testified on June 23 that:

25 5 Q. Okay. Now, it's my understanding that  
6 WaterFurnace recommends a 5-foot separation  
7 between geothermal lines and in-ground utilities,  
8 like a water line and those kind of things.

9 A. Okay.

10 Q. Is that a standard practice at R & R to

11 do that?

12 A. I would think so, typically. We don't  
13 want to get within 5 feet of utilities. You're  
14 talking power and telephone and stuff like that,  
15 so yeah. It's not that it -- you couldn't get  
16 closer if you wanted to. But, yeah, typically we  
17 don't go to closer than 5 feet for power lines and  
18 utilities.

19 Q. Okay. Do you know why they make a  
20 recommendation of 5 feet separation?

21 A. **Safety.** (emphasis added)

9 Page 12 Line 5 of Mr. Hastings deposition marked as Exhibit "X" and  
10 incorporated by reference.

12 3.68 The Washington State Department of Health and Washington State  
13 Department of Ecology Pipeline Separation guide states that non-potable  
14 water lines and drinking water lines must be separated by at least 10 feet.  
15 See excerpts of guide marked as Exhibit "Y" and incorporated by reference.  
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18 3.69 The International Residential Code **R102.1 "General"** addresses the issue  
19 when there is a conflict between a general requirement and a specific  
20 requirement. If there is a conflict of codes, the most restrictive code shall  
21 govern.  
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24 3.70 Spokane County failed to require Hannas to comply with the manufactures  
25 instructions by having at least 5 feet separation between Margitan's  
drinking water line and Hannas' geothermal pipes. Margitan's drinking  
water line has only 2 feet of separation from Hanna's geothermal pipes.

1 3.71 Due to the insufficient separation distance, Margitan's drinking water line  
2 freezes in the winter when Hannas' geothermal pipes are extracting heat  
3 from the earth to heat the Hannas' home. See attached Declaration of Carl  
4 Huber ¶ 6.  
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6 3.72 Spokane County has full knowledge that Margitan must comply with RCW  
7 59.18.060:  
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9 Maintain the premises to substantially comply with any applicable  
10 code, statute, ordinance, or regulation governing their maintenance or  
11 operation, which the legislative body enacting the applicable code,  
12 statute, ordinance or regulation could enforce as to the premises  
13 rented if such condition endangers or impairs the health or safety of  
14 the tenant...

15 RCW 59.18.060(11) requires Margitan to:

16 Provide facilities adequate to supply heat and water and hot water as  
17 reasonably required by the tenant...

18 3.73 Spokane County is well aware that it is impossible to provide adequate  
19 water and hot water with a frozen water supply line.  
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21 3.74 Spokane County treated Margitan differently than others in Spokane  
22 County by intentionally failing to investigate Margitan's complaint.  
23 Spokane County also treated Margitan differently than others in Spokane  
24 County by intentionally failing to protect Margitan's drinking water line as  
25 required by Washington law which Spokane County has the duty to  
enforce. Once reported to Spokane County, they did nothing. They did not

1 even respond. This was irrational and vindictive towards Margitan by  
2 intentionally ignoring the codes in order to aid Hannas.

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4 3.75 Spokane County's intentional actions of differential treatment towards  
5 Margitan failed to provide equal protection to Margitan as others in Spokane  
6 County are provided.

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8 3.76 The violations Margitan reported to Tim Utley and Spokane County were  
9 the exact type of violations that Tim Utley had explained to Margitan were  
10 required daily duties of his job. Tim Utley of Spokane County had told  
11 Margitan for years that he would not provide a Certificate of Occupancy  
12 due to these exact type of reported violations. See attached Declaration of  
13 Allan Margitan ¶ "6".

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16 3.77 Margitan was justified to be concerned for the health and safety violations  
17 and the validity of his Certificate of Occupancy Permit, Margitan requested  
18 that Spokane County investigate his concerns of code violations.

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21 3.78 All of Spokane County's Commissioners are on the board of SRHD.

22 3.79 Washington State Legislators have required Spokane County to comply  
23 with RCW 19.27.020 which states:  
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25 **Purposes—Objectives—Standards.**

The purpose of this chapter is to promote the health, safety and welfare of the occupants or users of buildings and structures and the general public by the provision of building codes throughout the state.

1 Accordingly, this chapter is designed to effectuate the following  
2 purposes, objectives, and standards:

3 (1) To require minimum performance standards and requirements for  
4 construction and construction materials, consistent with accepted  
5 standards of engineering, fire and life safety.

6 (2) To require standards and requirements in terms of performance and  
7 nationally accepted standards.

8 (3) To permit the use of modern technical methods, devices and  
9 improvements.

10 (4) To eliminate restrictive, obsolete, conflicting, duplicating and  
11 unnecessary regulations and requirements which could unnecessarily  
12 increase construction costs or retard the use of new materials and  
13 methods of installation or provide unwarranted preferential treatment to  
14 types or classes of materials or products or methods of construction.

15 (5) To provide for standards and specifications for making buildings and  
16 facilities accessible to and usable by physically disabled persons.

17 (6) To consolidate within each authorized enforcement jurisdiction, the  
18 administration and enforcement of building codes.

19 3.80 Spokane County should have complied with Washington laws and revoked  
20 Margitan's Certificate of Occupancy. Spokane County intentionally failed  
21 to act in order to aid and thereby protect SRHD and Hanna in their litigation  
22 against Margitan.

23 3.81 On October 30, 2019, and again on November 20, 2019, Margitan informed  
24 Spokane County Clerk that Hannas had exited bankruptcy protection.  
25 Margitan requested that Spokane County schedule Margitan's cause  
number 15203507-4 against Hannas. See attached Declaration of Allan  
Margitan paragraph ¶ 8.

1 3.82 On December 12, 2019, Margitan again informed Spokane County Clerk  
2 that Hannas had exited bankruptcy protection and requested that Spokane  
3 County schedule Margitan's cause number 15203507-4 against Hannas. See  
4 attached letter marked as Exhibit "Z" and incorporated by reference.  
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6 3.83 It was important to have this case scheduled because during bankruptcy  
7 Hannas continued to access the former Wickholm property as if they had  
8 prevailed in the dismissed-with-prejudice 2012 litigation.  
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11 3.84 Spokane County ignored all of Margitan's requests to schedule a judge.

12 3.85 Since more than a year had passed since Margitan's first request on October  
13 2, 2020, Margitan filed a motion to have the Spokane County Clerk  
14 schedule a judge to handle Margitan's cause number 15203507-4 against  
15 the Hannas because Judge Triplet passed away.  
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18 3.86 Spokane County treated Margitan's differently than others in Spokane  
19 County by failing to schedule Margitan's cause number 15203507-4 against  
20 Hannas. Spokane County's actions were irrational, intentional and  
21 vindictive towards Margitan with the intent to violate Margitan's due  
22 process and legal rights to protect his property. Spokane County's treatment  
23 against Margitan is different than all others in Spokane County.  
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1 3.87 On July 14, 2021, in case number 15-200545-1, Margitan filed a motion to  
2 have the Court enter its Ruling/Order on Margitan's CR 11 motion against  
3 Hannas. See attached Declaration of Allan Margitan ¶ "9".  
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5 3.88 In response to Margitan's motion for an Order, Spokane County informed  
6 Margitan that case number 15-200545-1 had been closed on December 20,  
7 2019 after an Ex Parte action. Spokane County Superior Court secretly  
8 closed the case. Spokane County provided no notice it intended to close the  
9 case. Spokane County provided no notice it had closed the case. Spokane  
10 County closed the case without entering an Order on Margitan's CR11  
11 Sanction request against Hannas. Spokane County deprived Margitan of his  
12 Due Process. See attached Declaration of Allan Margitan ¶ "10".  
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16 3.89 The Constitution of the State of Washington Article IV Section 20 states:  
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18 SECTION 20 DECISIONS, WHEN TO BE MADE. Every cause  
19 submitted to a judge of a superior court for his decision shall be  
20 decided by him within ninety days from the submission thereof;  
21 Provided, That if within said period of ninety days a rehearing shall  
22 have been ordered, then the period within which he is to decide shall  
commence at the time the cause is submitted upon such a hearing.

23 3.90 Spokane County Superior Court intentionally, secretly closed the case so  
24 Margitan would not be put on notice that the 30 day appeal timeline had  
25 started to run.

1 3.91 Spokane County Superior Court deprived Margitan of his ability to  
2 timely file an appeal. Spokane County entirely took Margitan's  
3 appeal rights away.  
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5 3.92 Spokane County treated Margitan's differently than others in Spokane  
6 County by failing to enter an Order as required by the Constitution of  
7 Washington State.  
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#### 9 **IV. SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT**

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11 Spokane County Building and Planning has ignored its very purpose  
12 of existence to ensure safety of homes. Spokane County has ignored its legal  
13 duties and responsibilities in order to aid Spokane Regional Health District  
14 (SRHD) and Hannas, who happens to be a family member of a deceased Spokane  
15 County employee. Spokane County failed to provide Margitan with equal  
16 protection. Spokane County in its actions failed to provide Margitan with due  
17 process. Spokane County in its vindictive actions treated Margitan differently  
18 than all other persons within their jurisdiction causing great harm to Margitan.  
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#### 23 **V. FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION**

24 **42 U.S.C. SECTION 1983: Equal Protection-**  
25 **Fourteenth Amendment to United States Constitution;**  
**Article I, §3 of the Washington State Constitution**  
**"Class of one claim"**

**Inadequate separation distance between a septic system drain field  
and Margitan's drinking water line issue**

(Spokane County intentionally failed to investigate and revoke Margitan's Certificate of Occupancy due to code violations)

4.1 Margitan realleges, as if fully set forth, each and every allegation contained in the preceding paragraphs 1 through 3.92, and the preceding paragraphs are to read in conjunction with the allegations in this Count. Margitan further allege as follows:

4.2 Spokane County, their employees and agents acted intentionally under color of law to deny Margitan equal protection of the law in violation of his Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, §3 of the Washington State Constitution.

4.3 Specifically, Spokane County acting intentionally under color of law, refused to revoke Margitan's Certificate of Occupancy as required by codes including the International Residential Code.

4.4 Mr. Utley informed Margitan on August 24, 2017 that he was able to grant Margitan a Certificate of Occupancy because Margitan's drinking water line was 14 feet away from Hanna's drain field. (4 feet more than required by state law.)

4.5 On May 16, 2019, Margitan reported to Spokane County that the Margitan's drinking water line was not 14 feet from Hanna's septic drain field as SRHD had claimed.

1 4.6 On July 19, 2019, Margitan reported to Spokane County that the Margitan's  
2 drinking water line was only 3 ½ feet horizontally away from Hannas' drain  
3 field. Margitan also reported to Spokane County that his water line sat in  
4 damp soil that smells like sewer.  
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6 4.7 Spokane County acted intentionally under color of law, failing to  
7 investigate and enforce or comply with the International Residential Code,  
8 International Plumbing Code, State laws, Washington Administrative Code,  
9 and other codes thus endangering Margitan's health and safety.  
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11 4.8 Spokane County intentionally treated Margitan differently than others  
12 similarly situated in Spokane County. Spokane County is required to  
13 enforce the International Residential Code and other codes which state that  
14 Spokane County shall revoke all Certificate of Occupancies which were  
15 granted on "incorrect information".  
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17 4.9 Spokane County intentionally treated Margitan differently than others  
18 similarly situated in Spokane County. Spokane County is required to  
19 enforce the International Plumbing Code which prohibits a drinking water  
20 line to be installed near sources of pollution and in soils that are  
21 contaminated with organic compounds. In fact, Spokane County  
22 intentionally treated Margitan differently after the violation was reported to  
23 Spokane County. The County responded with its September 4, 2019 letter  
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1 stating that Spokane Count had no jurisdiction between the utilities meter  
2 and Margitan's residence. Spokane County intentionally treated Margitan  
3 differently than others similarly situated in Spokane County by informing  
4 Margitan it they did not regulate the safety of Margitan's drinking water  
5 line.  
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8 4.10 Spokane County intentionally treated Margitan differently than others  
9 similarly situated in Spokane County, Washington, by knowingly and  
10 intentionally allowing violations of the Internal Mechanical Code,  
11 International Residential Code, International Plumbing Code, and  
12 Washington Administrative Code impacting Margitan's health and safety.  
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15 4.11 Spokane County's intentional acts had no rational basis. Spokane County  
16 treated Margitan differently than others similarly situated in Spokane  
17 County by ignoring known violations, placing Margitan at risk constituting  
18 a "Class of one".  
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21 4.12 Spokane County's intentional acts were intended to aid Spokane Regional  
22 Health District and Hannas in their litigation against Margitans.  
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24 4.13 Spokane County's intentional acts were objectively unreasonable and were  
25 undertaken intentionally with willful indifference to Margitan's  
constitutional rights.

1 4.14 As a result of Spokane County's intentional acts referenced above,  
2 Margitan suffered injuries, including, but not limited to, unwarranted and  
3 unnecessary health risks, increased legal fees, lost of rents, reduced use of  
4 property, and a garden variety of emotional distress. Margitan's emotional  
5 distress is the same as any reasonable person would experience when a  
6 government agency has intentionally acted as alleged in this complaint.  
7 Margitan received no health care treatment or mental health counseling nor  
8 asserts it will be necessary in the future as a result of emotional distress  
9 caused by Spokane County's intentional actions. Since Margitan has not  
10 required medical treatment or mental health counseling for the emotional  
11 distress caused by Spokane County, Margitan will not claim any physical  
12 damages and will not present any expert testimony regarding emotional  
13 distress. Damages to be determined at trial.  
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20 **VI. SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

21 **42 U.S.C. SECTION 1983: Equal Protection-**  
22 **Fourteenth Amendment to United States Constitution;**  
23 **Article I, §3 of the Washington State Constitution**  
24 **"Class of one claim"**

25 **Inadequate separation distance between Hannas' geothermal pipes  
and Margitan's drinking water line**

(Spokane County intentionally failed to investigate and revoke Margitan's  
Certificate of Occupancy due to unsafe drinking water or no drinking water)

1 5.1 Margitan realleges, as if fully set forth, each and every allegation contained  
2 in the preceding paragraphs 1 through 4.14, and the preceding paragraphs  
3 are to read in conjunction with the allegations in this Count. Margitan  
4 further alleges as follows:  
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6 5.2 November 12, 2019 Margitan informed John Peterson of Spokane County  
7 that Spokane County had negligently approved Hannas' ground source  
8 geothermal pipes only 2 feet from Margitan's drinking water line.  
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10 5.3 Spokane County never responded to Margitan's November 12, 2019 letter  
11 or investigate Margitan's complaint.  
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13 5.4 WaterFurnace published the seperation requirements that Spokane County  
14 is required to enforce between Hannas' geothermal pipes and Margitan's  
15 drinking water line.  
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17 5.5 Margitan's drinking water line froze due to Spokane County's failure to  
18 enforce and intentionally deciding not to perform its duty to comply with  
19 the International Mechanical Code and other codes.  
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21 5.6 Spokane County, their employees and agents acted intentionally under color  
22 of law to deny Margitan equal protection of the law in violation of his  
23 Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution and Article I, §3  
24 of the Washington State Constitution.  
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1 5.7 Specifically, Spokane County acting intentionally under color of law,  
2 refused to revoke Margitan's Certificate of Occupancy as required by  
3 codes, including the International Residential Code and International  
4 Mechanical code.  
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6 5.8 Spokane County acted intentionally under color of law, failing to  
7 investigate and enforce the International Residential Code, International  
8 Plumbing Code, State laws, Washington Administrative Code. Spokane  
9 County ignored the recommendations of the Washington State Department  
10 of Heath/Washington State Department of Ecology Pipeline Separation  
11 Guide and other codes thus endangering Margitan's health and safety.  
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15 5.9 Spokane County intentionally treated Margitan differently than others  
16 similarly situated in Spokane County. Spokane County is required to  
17 enforce the International Residential Code and other codes which state that  
18 Spokane County shall revoke all Certificate of Occupancies which were  
19 granted on "incorrect information".  
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22 5.10 Spokane County intentionally treated Margitan differently than others  
23 similarly situated in Spokane County. Spokane County is required to  
24 enforce the International Plumbing Code which prohibits a drinking water  
25 line to be installed near sources of pollution and in soils that are  
contaminated with organic compounds. In fact, Spokane County

1 intentionally treated Margitan differently after the violation was reported to  
2 Spokane County. The County responded with its September 4, 2019 letter  
3 stating that Spokane Count had no jurisdiction between the utilities meter  
4 and Margitan's residence. Spokane County intentionally treated Margitan  
5 differently than others similarly situated in Spokane County by informing  
6 Margitan it did not regulate the safety of Margitan's drinking water line.  
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9 5.11 Spokane County intentionally treated Margitan differently than others  
10 similarly situated in Spokane County, Washington, by knowingly and  
11 intentionally allowing violations of the International Mechanical Code,  
12 International Residential Code, International Plumbing Code, and  
13 Washington Administrative Code impacting Margitan's health and safety.  
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16 5.12 Spokane County's intentional acts had no rational basis. Spokane County  
17 treated Margitan differently than others similarly situated in Spokane  
18 County by ignoring known violations, placing Margitan at risk constituting  
19 a "Class of one".  
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22 5.13 Spokane County's intentional acts were intended to aid the Hannas in their  
23 litigation against Margitans.  
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25 5.14 Spokane County's intentional acts were objectively unreasonable and were  
undertaken intentionally with willful indifference to Margitan's  
constitutional rights.

1 5.15 As a result of Spokane County's intentional acts referenced above,  
2 Margitan suffered injuries, including, but not limited to, unwarranted and  
3 unnecessary health risks, increased legal fees, loss of rents, reduced use of  
4 property, and a garden variety of emotional distress. Margitan's emotional  
5 distress is the same as any reasonable person would experience when a  
6 government agency has intentionally acted as alleged in this complaint.  
7 Margitan received no health care treatment or mental health counseling nor  
8 asserts it will be necessary in the future as a result of emotional distress  
9 caused by Spokane County's intentional actions. Since Margitan has not  
10 required medical treatment or mental health counseling for the emotional  
11 distress caused by Spokane County, Margitan will not claim any physical  
12 damages and will not present any expert testimony regarding emotional  
13 distress. Damages to be determined at trial.  
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### 19 **VII THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

20 **Right to due process of law; 42 U.S.C. § 1983**

21 **Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution;**

22 **Article I, § 3 of the Washington State Constitution**

23 **(Spokane County Superior Court failing to enter an Order  
24 and secretively closing the case.)**

25 6.1 Margitan realleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in the  
preceding paragraphs 1 through 5.15 as though fully set forth herein.

1 6.2 Spokane County claims it closed Spokane Superior Court case number 15-  
2 200545-1 on December 20, 2019.

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4 6.3 Spokane County Superior Court secretly closed the case.

5 6.4 Spokane County provided no notice that it intended to close the case.

6 6.5 Spokane County secretly closed the case so Margitan would not receive  
7 notice that the 30 day appeal timeline had started to run.  
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9 6.6 Spokane County closed the case without entering an Order on Margitan's  
10 CR11 Sanction request against Hannas.  
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12 6.5 Spokane County, its employees and agents, owed Margitan a duty under the  
13 due process clause of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S.  
14 Constitution and Article I, § 3 of the Washington Constitution to protect  
15 Margitan's procedural due process. Spokane County deprived Margitan of  
16 the principle of fundamental fairness, in Margitan's ability to appeal the  
17 State Court's rulings.  
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21 6.6 Spokane County Superior Court, affected the rights of Margitan. Spokane  
22 County's actions were intentional acts to harm Margitan and aid both  
23 Hannas and SRHD in their litigation with Margitan.  
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25 6.7 Spokane County, their employees and agents, while acting intentionally  
under color of law, violated Margitan's due process when it failed to enter  
an Order on Margitan's CR11 motion.

1 6.8 As a direct and proximate consequence of the acts of Spokane County, its  
2 agents and employees, Margitan seeks damages pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §  
3 1983 for violating Margitan's Due Process rights. Spokane County's  
4 violating of Margitan's Due Process rights also negatively affected  
5 Margitan's property rights by eliminating Margitan's ability to appeal the  
6 Court's decisions. Spokane County actions increased Margitan's legal fees.  
7 Margitan is entitled to both compensatory and a garden variety of emotional  
8 distress. Margitan's emotional distress is the same as any reasonable person  
9 would experience when a government agency has intentionally acted as  
10 alleged in this complaint. Margitan received no health care treatment or  
11 mental health counseling nor asserts it will be necessary in the future as a  
12 result of his emotional distress as a result of Spokane County's intentional  
13 actions. Since Margitan has not required medical treatment or mental health  
14 counseling for emotional distress that Spokane County intentionally caused  
15 Margitan, he will not claim any physical damages and will not present any  
16 expert testimony regarding emotional distress. Margitan requests damages  
17 to be determined at trial.  
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25 **VIII FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**Right to due process of law; 42 U.S.C. § 1983**

**Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution;**

**Article I, § 3 of the Washington State Constitution**

**(Spokane County intentionally failing to schedule Margitan's**

Spokane Superior Court complaint against Hannas)

7.1 Margitan realleges and incorporates the allegations set forth in the preceding paragraphs 1 through 6.8 as though fully set forth here.

7.2 On June 21, 2019, and again on October 24, 2019, Margitan notified Spokane County that Hannas had exited bankruptcy protection. Margitan requested cause No. 15203507-4 to be scheduled. Margitan also notified Spokane County on December 12, 2019 to schedule a judge. Spokane County still ignored Margitan's request. On October 20, 2020, Margitan was forced to occur the legal fees to file a motion so Spokane County would schedule a judge.

7.3 Spokane County, its employees and agents, owed Margitan a duty under the due process clauses of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the U.S. Constitution and Article I, § 3 of the Washington Constitution to protect Margitan's procedural due process. Spokane County deprived Margitan of the principle of fundamental fairness in refusing to schedule Margitan's case so that he had the ability to advance his state court proceeding.

7.4 Spokane County's actions were intentional acts to harm Margitan and aid Hannas in their litigation with Margitan.

7.5 Spokane County is the only Court system that Margitan can use to bring his action against Hannas.

1 7.6 Spokane County, its employees and agents, while acting intentionally under  
2 color of law, delayed Margitan's Due Process rights when it failed to allow  
3 Margitan to advance his action against the Hannas.  
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5 7.7 As a direct and proximate consequence of the acts of Spokane County, its  
6 agents and employees, Margitan seeks damages pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §  
7 1983 for violating Margitan's Due Process rights. Spokane County's  
8 violating of Margitan's Due Process rights also negatively affected  
9 Margitan's property. Spokane County actions increased Margitan's legal  
10 fees. Margitan is entitled to both compensatory and a garden variety of  
11 emotional distress. Margitan's emotional distress is the same as any  
12 reasonable person would experience when a government agency has  
13 intentionally acted as alleged in this complaint. Margitan received no health  
14 care treatment or mental health counseling nor asserts it will be necessary in  
15 the future as a result of his emotional distress as a result of Spokane  
16 County's intentional actions. Since Margitan has not required medical  
17 treatment or mental health counseling for emotional distress that Spokane  
18 County intentionally caused Margitan, he will not claim any physical  
19 damages and will not present any expert testimony regarding emotional  
20 distress. Margitan requests damages to be determined at trial.  
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## **IX FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

**Unconstitutional taking; 42 U.S.C. § 1983  
Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution;  
“Class of one claim”**

8.1 The plaintiff realleges paragraphs 1- 7.7 as if fully set forth herein.

8.2 The defendant Spokane County through its intentional acts of failure to provide Equal Protection, Due Process and failure to enforce have taken the useful purpose of Margitan’s rental home.

8.3 Spokane County’s actions were intentional with the only purpose to aid SRHD and the Hannas in their litigation against Margitan.

8.4 The acts and omissions of Spokane County constitutes a permanent unconstitutional taking of the plaintiff’s property interests in violation of the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

8.5 As a direct and proximate cause of Spokane County’s actions including the unconstitutional permanent taking of plaintiff’s property interest, Margitan suffered injuries, including, but not limited to, unwarranted and unnecessary health risks, increased legal fees, loss of rents, reduced use of property, and a garden variety of emotional distress. Margitan’s emotional distress is the same as any reasonable person would experience when a government agency has intentionally acted as alleged in this complaint. Margitan received no health care treatment or mental health counseling nor asserts it will be necessary in the future as a result of emotional distress

1 caused by Spokane County's intentional actions. Since Margitan has not  
2 required medical treatment or mental health counseling for the emotional  
3 distress caused by Spokane County, Margitan will not claim any physical  
4 damages and will not present any expert testimony regarding emotional  
5 distress. Damages to be determined at trial.  
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8 **X SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
9 **FIRST STATE CLAIM OF**  
10 **28 U.S.C. § 1367 - State Law Claim of**  
11 **FAILURE TO ENFORCE CODES AND WASHINGTON LAWS**

12 9.1 Margitan realleges, as if fully set forth, each and every allegation contained  
13 in the preceding paragraphs 1 through 8.5, and the preceding paragraphs are  
14 to read in conjunction with the allegations in this Count. Margitan further  
15 alleges as follows:  
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17 9.2 Spokane County intentionally chose to ignore all violations on Parcel 2 of  
18 short plat 1227-00 owned by Hannas in order to aid Hannas and SRHD.  
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20 9.3 On September 4, 2019, Spokane County took an irrational position and  
21 informed Margitan that Spokane County has no jurisdiction between the  
22 meter at Charles Road and the dwelling. This was such an irrational  
23 approach only to harm, and harass Margitan. This irrational approach of  
24 Spokane County was in direct violation of Spokane County's duty to  
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1 enforce Washington State law, the International Plumbing Code,  
2 International Mechanical Code and the International Residential Code.

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4 9.4 Spokane County's new position was directly opposite of Tim Utley's  
5 reason he denied Margitan's Certificate of Occupancy on September 4,  
6 2015 because Margitan's drinking water line was within the same easement  
7 as Hanna's drain field.  
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10 9.5 As a direct and proximate result of Spokane County's intentional actions of  
11 failure to investigate and failure to enforce the required codes and laws,  
12 Margitan has suffered damages including but not limited to legal expenses  
13 and costs related to efforts to have the Hanna drain field and geothermal  
14 pipes removed from Margitan's easement, lost rents, remediation costs and  
15 a garden variety of emotional distress. Margitan's emotional distress is the  
16 same as any reasonable person would experience when a government  
17 agency has intentionally acted as alleged in this complaint. Margitan  
18 received no health care treatment or mental health counseling nor assert it  
19 will be necessary in the future as a result of their emotional distress as a  
20 result of Spokane County's actions. Since Margitan has not required  
21 medical treatment or mental health counseling for their emotional distress  
22 that Spokane County has caused him, Margitan will not claim any physical  
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1 damages and will not present any expert testimony regarding emotional  
2 distress. Damages to be determined at trial.

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4 **XI SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION**  
5 **SECOND STATE CLAIM OF**  
6 **28 U.S.C. § 1367 - State Law Claim of**  
7 **NUISANCE**

8 (Spokane County actions were injurious to the health and safety of Margitan  
9 resulting in Margitan's inability to freely and safely use his property)

10 10.1 Margitan realleges, as if fully set forth, each and every allegation contained  
11 in the preceding paragraphs 1 through 9.5, and the preceding paragraphs are  
12 to read in conjunction with the allegations in this Count. Margitan further  
13 allege as follows:

14 10.2 Spokane County's actions were injurious to the health and safety of  
15 Margitan. Spokane County's actions were intentionally planned to impede  
16 Margitan's safe use of his property, depriving Margitan of his comfortable  
17 enjoyment of his property.

18 10.3 Spokane County intentionally ignored all violations on Parcel 2 of short plat  
19 1227-00 with full knowledge that the County's actions were depriving  
20 Margitan of the ability to comfortable enjoyment of his property.

21 10.4 Spokane County failed to perform its duty, a duty that Tim Utley of  
22 Spokane County had told Margitan many times was an everyday part of his  
23 job.  
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1 10.5 Spokane County intentionally failed to perform its duty harming Margitan.

2 Spokane County should have known that its actions would frustrate and  
3 aggravate Margitan while also aiding Hannas. Spokane County  
4 intentionally failed to enforce health, safety codes and laws that are  
5 intended to protect property owners like Margitan. Spokane County knew  
6 its actions would prohibit Margitan the use of his property. Spokane  
7 County's actions were an intentional act of extreme dislike of Margitan  
8 with the intent to harm him while knowingly benefiting SRHD and Hannas.  
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10 10.6 As a direct and proximate result of Spokane County's intentional actions of  
11 failure to enforce the required codes and laws, Margitan has suffered  
12 damages including but not limited to legal expenses and costs related to  
13 efforts to have the Hannas' drain field and geothermal pipes removed from  
14 Margitan's easement, lost rents, remediation costs and a garden variety of  
15 emotional distress. Margitan's emotional distress is the same as any  
16 reasonable person would experience when a government agency has  
17 intentionally acted as alleged in this complaint. Margitan received no health  
18 care treatment or mental health counseling nor assert it will be necessary in  
19 the future as a result of their emotional distress as a result of Spokane  
20 County's actions. Since Margitan has not required medical treatment or  
21 mental health counseling for their emotional distress that Spokane County  
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1 has caused him, Margitan will not claim any physical damages and will not  
2 present any expert testimony regarding emotional distress. Damages to be  
3 determined at trial.  
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5 **VII RELIEF REQUESTED**

6 WHEREFORE, Margitan prays for relief as follows:  
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- 8 1. For a declaratory judgment that Spokane County's actions, policies,  
9 practices and conduct as alleged herein violate Margitan's rights  
10 under the United States and Washington constitutions and the laws of  
11 Washington State, damages to be determined according to proof;  
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- 13 2. For a declaratory judgment that Spokane County's actions, policies,  
14 practices and conduct as alleged herein violate Margitan's Due  
15 Process rights under the United States and Washington constitutions,  
16 damages to be determined according to proof;  
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- 18 3. For a declaratory judgment that Spokane County failed to provide  
19 Margitan Due Process when it failed to schedule Margitan's  
20 complaint causing Margitan loss of his peaceful enjoyment of his  
21 property, pain and suffering, damages to be determined according to  
22 proof;  
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- 24 3. For general and compensatory damages for violation of Margitan's  
25 federal and state constitutional and statutory rights, lost rents, loss of

1 use of property, pain and suffering, all to be determined according to  
2 proof;

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4 4. For general and compensatory damages related to Spokane County's  
5 failure to enforce the International Residential Code, International  
6 Plumbing Code, International Mechanical Code and other Codes and  
7 Laws all impacting Margitan's property rights, health and safety,  
8 damages to be determined according to proof;  
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10 5. For general and compensatory damages for Margitan's increased  
11 legal fees all to be determined according to proof;  
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13 7. For damages related to Spokane County's failure to inform SRHD of  
14 its failure to enforce WAC 242-272A-0210 resulting in increased  
15 legal fees and costs, lost rents, all to be proven at trial;  
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17 8. For reasonable attorneys' fees and costs of suit allowed by law: and;  
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19 9. For such other and further relief as this Court deems just and proper.  
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21 Respectfully submitted this 19<sup>th</sup> day of July 2021.  
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